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SUBJ: TOGOLESE PRESIDENT EYADEMA RETURNS FROM CHINA AND  
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SUMMARY: GOT PRESIDENT EYADEMA RETURNED SEPTEMBER 13 FROM  
CHINA AND NORTH KOREA. IN PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT HE SAID  
DISCUSSIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES HAD BEEN FRUITFUL AND TOGOLESE  
HAD BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY ALL THEY SAW AND HEARD. PARTICULARLY  
IMPRESSIVE WAS "DEGREE OF MOBILIZATION OF MASSES." PRESIDENT  
REPORTED NORTH KOREAN ECONOMIC MISSION WOULD VISIT TOGO END  
OF SEPTEMBER. TOGO-PRESSE COVERAGE OF VISIT HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE  
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AND, REGARDING NORTH KOREA, EUPHORIC.

1. TOGOLESE PRESIDENT EYADEMA, SEVEN GOT MINISTERS AND SCORE OTHER GOVERNMENT, PARTY AND LABOR FUNCTIONARIES RETURNED TO TOGO YESTERDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, FOLLOWING OFFICIAL VISITS TO CHINA AND NORTH KOREA. ONE OF BEST "ANIMATEUR" GROUPS OF TOGO'S SOLE POLITICAL PARTY, WHICH NOW DOMINATES LANDSCAPE WITH MILITANT SONGS AND DANCES ON EVERY OFFICIAL OCCASION, WAS OUT IN FULL FORCE TO ENSURE TRIUMPHAL RETURN OF "NATIONAL HELMSMAN" EYADEMA. SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE WAS MISSING IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS LINEUP.

2. IN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT SAID TOGOLESE HAD BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY ALL THEY HAD SEEN AND HEARD IN CHINA AND KOREA, ESPECIALLY DEGREE TO WHICH MASSES ARE MOBILIZED AROUND IDEALS OF THEIR PARTIES AND LEADERS. EYADEMA OBSERVED THAT THIS MOBILIZATION AND NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE AND OTHER SECTORS LEAD ONE TO BELIEVE THESE TWO COUNTRIES NO LONGER HAVE POLITICAL PROBLEMS. THEY FIRST HAD REGULATED THEIR POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN DEFINITIVE MANNER, AND NOW EVERYONE IS MOVING IN SAME DIRECTION, THAT IS, TOWARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. PRESIDENT NOTED THAT NOT EVEN SMALLEST PARCEL OF LAND LEFT UNCULTIVATED AND THAT CHINESE AND KOREANS, WITH THEIR IRRIGATION CANALS WERE MASTERS OF WEATHER.

3. EYADEMA REPORTED TALKS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS FRUITFUL AND BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP STRENGTHENED. HE EXPRESSED HIS OWN SINCERE THANKS AND THAT OF ENTIRE GOT DELEGATION FOR ALL NORTH KOREA'S KIM IL SUNG HAD DONE FOR THEM DURING VISIT, ADDING THAT NORTH KOREAN ECONOMIC MISSION WOULD VISIT TOGO END OF SEPTEMBER. EYADEMA MENTIONED TOGOLESE HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN MAO, "WHO SENT HIS THANKS TO TOGOLESE PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT." HE ANNOUNCED GOT HAD SIGNED GENERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH BOTH COUNTRIES. IN CONTRAST TO REFERENCE TO ACCORD WITH CHINA, WHICH WAS ONLY MENTIONED IN TOGO-PRESSE, TODAY'S ISSUE CARRIES FULL TEXT OF TOGOLESE-NORTH KOREAN AGREEMENT (SEPTTEL).

4. TOGO TELEVISION LAST NIGHT TRANSMITTED CHINESE FILM SHOWING EYADEMA AND EACH GOT MINISTER BEING PRESENTED TO MAO, WHOSE FACE WAS PASSIVE THROUGHOUT. MAO WARMED UP AND SMILED ONLY WHEN CHINESE OFFICIAL ACCOMPANYING TOGOLESE CAME UP TO SHAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS HAND.

5. IN TEXT AND ACCOUNTS OF EYADEMA TOAST IN PYONGYANG, CARRIED IN TOGO-PRESSE, PRESIDENT ASSURED KIM IL SUNG THAT THROUGH HIM TOGOLESE PEOPLE GIVE THEIR SUPPORT FOR KOREAN UNIFICATION. EYADEMA NOTED KOREAN PEOPLE WERE FIGHTING COURAGEOUSLY FOR REUNIFICATION AND AGAINST EFFECTS OF IMPERIALISM. "WE RECOGNIZE NOW," HE SAID, "THIS TACTIC OF IMPERIALISTS WHICH IS TO DIVIDE

OUR STATES AND OUR PEOPLE, THE BETTER TO DOMINATE US. THIS TACTIC IS NOW APPLIED IN KOREA WHERE IT PITS TWO KOREAS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER; IMPERIALISTS' OBJECTIVE IS RECOGNIZED BY PEOPLE OF THIRD WORLD WHO SUPPORT ADMISSION OF NORTH KOREA INTO ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UN."

6. COMMENT: TOGO-PRESSE COVERAGE HAS SHOWN FAR GREATER ENTHUSIASM FOR KOREAN VISIT. THIS MAY BE BECAUSE CHINESE NEWS SERVICE HSINHUA WAS USED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY HERE TO COVER VISIT TO CHINA, WHILE ECSTATIC PRESS OF FELLOW-TRAVELLER KWAQVI BENYI (FORMERLY POLYCARPE) JOHNSON, TOGO-PRESSE DIRECTOR GENERAL, AND HIS EDITOR A.E. APEDO-AMAH WAS SENT FROM KOREA. VARIATION IN PRESS COVERAGE AND ABSENCE OF DETAILS ON GOT-CHINESE ACCORD MAY ALSO SIGNAL GOT DISAPPOINTMENT OVER ITS RECEPTION IN CHINA, AND POSSIBLY LESS CHINESE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THAN TOGOLESE HAD PLANNED TO REQUEST. RE GOT'S POSITION IN 29TH UNGA ON KOREA, EMBASSY NOW FEARS IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY GOT WILL WITHDRAW ITS CO-SPONSORSHIP OF INSCRIPTION OF UNFRIENDLY KOREAN ITEM. RAWLS

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